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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2006, the period for response to which extends through January 4, 2007 Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in light of the following remarks:

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.